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In re Application of

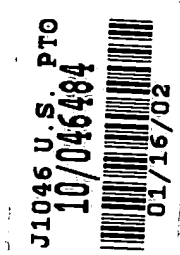
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EMBEDDING WATERMARK INFORMATION IN COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA, AND APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING WATERMARK INFORMATION FROM COMPRESSED IMAGE DATA HAVING WATERMARK INFORMATION EMBEDDED THEREIN

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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No certification or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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